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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. -12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A portable inhibitor device for use by a user, comprising a transmitter of an inhibitor message for restricting processing, by an image capture device, of a portion of an image corresponding to the user of said [[user]]portable inhibitor device, wherein the inhibitor message is recognizable by the image capture device and is to cause an image processor in the image capture device to perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user, and wherein the portable inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device.

14. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message directionally.

15. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message omnidirectionally.

16. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising an infrared signal.

17. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising a visual signal.

1 18. (Currently Amended) The [[user]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising a radio
3 frequency signal.

1 19.-25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 an image capture device, said image capture device including an image inhibitor
3 component responsive to an inhibit signal transmitted by an inhibitor device carried by an object
4 to restrict processing of a portion of an image captured by said image capture device,
5 wherein said image capture device is external of and separate from the inhibitor device,
6 wherein said image capture device includes an encoder responsive to the inhibit signal
7 detected by the image inhibitor component for encoding the portion of said image captured by
8 said image capture device, said encoded image portion corresponding to an image of said object.

1 27. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to:
3 send the encoded image portion to a trusted third party computer to allow the trusted third
4 party computer to decode the encoded image portion to recover an image of the object.

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1 28. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 27, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to receive, from said trusted third party computer, the
3 recovered image of the object.

1 29. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:
2 an inhibitor device adapted to be mounted on a host wearer for restricting processing of
3 image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is to transmit an
4 inhibit message to an image capture device comprising an image inhibitor component for
5 restricting processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer within a captured scene
6 image, wherein said inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device;
7 wherein said inhibitor device is arranged for sending at least one image of the host wearer
8 of said inhibitor device to said image capture device to cause said image capture device to use
9 said at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to said
10 host wearer within said captured scene image.

30. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:

an inhibitor device adapted to be carried by a host wearer for restricting processing of image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is arranged to transmit an inhibit signal to an image capture device to cause the image capture device to restrict processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer,

wherein the inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device,

wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to send at least one image of the host wearer of said inhibitor device to a third party computer entity, to cause said third party computer entity to use said at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to said host wearer.

31. (Currently Amended) An image capture device comprising:

an optics system for forming an image; and

an image inhibitor operable for receiving from an inhibitor device associated with a user that is external of and separate from said image capture device, an inhibit signal for inhibiting a portion of said image corresponding to the user; and

an image processor responsive to detection of the inhibit signal by the image inhibitor to perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

32.-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13,

wherein the inhibitor message is to cause the image processor in the image capture device to perform the action that modifies the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1 41. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 40,
2 wherein modifying of the portion of the image includes one or more of: decreasing a resolution
3 of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing
4 the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the image.

1 42. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the transmitter is configured to further send an image of the user to the image capture
3 device.

1 43. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein
2 the image capture device is configured to modify the portion of the image to obscure the portion
3 of the image in response to the inhibit signal.

1 44. (Previously Presented) The image capture system of claim 43, wherein the portion
2 of the image is modified by one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image;
3 overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and
4 darkening the portion of the image.

1 45. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 the image processor is to further receive an image of the user from the inhibitor device, and
3 wherein the image processor is to match the received image of the user with the portion
4 of said image formed by the optics system.

1 46. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 the action performed by the image processor includes modifying the portion of the image
3 corresponding to the user.

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1 47. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 modifying the portion of the image includes one or more of:
3 decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the
4 portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the
5 image.

1 48. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein
2 the image processor is to process image data captured by the optics system.